



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF LAS VEGAS

ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES COLLABORATION MEETING

The Endless Opportunities Collaboration Meeting convened on April 23, 2009. An engagement of organizations throughout the community discussed upcoming projects and community participants discussed information of their individual business and shared what events and history the city has to provide the citizens who live and visit our unique City. It allowed for a chance to hear about future projects. By working together we can make a difference and move the community of Las Vegas forward!

Facilitating this event were: Mayor Tony E. Marquez, City Manager Timothy P. Dodge, Luna Vocational Institute Lawrence Quintana.

Who attended the Collaborative:

Community Participants from Luna Community College, New Mexico Highlands University, West Las Vegas Administration, Las Vegas City Schools, San Miguel County, New Mexico Behavioral Health, New Mexico Department of Transportation, City of Las Vegas Administrative Representatives, State Representatives, Public Figures, Community 1st, Bank of Las Vegas, CCHP, State Police Department Representative, Armand Hammer World College, Tome on the Range, Main Street, Economic Development, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and many more were involved in this Collaboration.

Presentations:

Mayor Marquez began advising all PARTICIPANTS to work closely with the delegation to ensure the City of Las Vegas and all the entities involved have the proper information required, in order to receive full federal stimulus funding.

- **WEST LAS VEGAS SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Dr. Abreu briefed all that Don Cecilio is currently undertaking remodeling in the parking area, playground area, construction of a new wall, etc.. On New Mexico Avenue, Tony Serna Elementary is undergoing a \$2-3 million construction project for the Headstart program, “safety of traffic in elementary schools”. West Las Vegas School District is also looking into fencing the river walk south of Bridge Street for security and safety purposes.
- **NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE:** Captain Toby Dolan District Manager District 2 building project thanked local Representatives for the \$5 ½ million received. Dolan advised that 8 1/2 acres were purchased on the east side of interstate frontage road state 104 south of KFUN. This location is visible from city, and interstate, and is inside the Las Vegas city limits. The design phase is almost complete, floor plan details office as 15,000 sq. ft. utilities are needed and access is on South Commerce crossing over city property old landfill. State Police plans are to move forward as quickly as possible. A meeting with the City of Las Vegas Utilities Department has been scheduled in order to discuss future construction.
- **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** Heather Sandoval discussed several projects N.M. D.O.T. is working on outside city limits and discussed that they are currently working on the Grand Avenue project that will include new storm drains. Utilities landscaping to begin 2010 and end fall 2011. New Mexico 518 mills avenue intersection traffic signals, signing, and striping, NM 518 sidewalk installation all the way to Walmart.
- **NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Troy Jones and Morris Madrid (City Councilor) discussed the new nursing home Facility Meadows II. The 1st phase has been funded with \$21 million in place. The project fully funded, would provide between \$50 and \$60 million dollars (including 80-100 jobs at federal wage rate) of economic stimulus funding during the projected 18 month construction period. The facility is designed to look like a home and will not impact sewer or water. State of New Mexico approved the issuance of \$10 million for the planning and design of this project and in 2005, further appropriated funding toward the construction of the facility. Additionally, the voters of the State of New Mexico approved the issuance of ten million in general obligation bonds in the November 2008 general election. The architect is presently in the process of completing final construction drawings so that the project can be let out to bid within the next couple of months. This project can be considered “shovel ready”. The “Buy America” and other provisions of the Recovery and Reinvestment Act will not be an obstacle for this project. The estimated additional funding to complete entire project construction of the facility is \$25 - 30 million dollars.
- **SAN MIGUEL COUNTY:** Les Montoya, San Miguel County Manager welcomed all and introduced commissioners. Mr. Montoya presented that the County has 4700 sq miles contribute and not contribute. He identified 10 projects that are funded and are ready for construction: County Courthouse Remodel \$1.9 million energy and improved services the reconditions and remodeling of the building to improve energy efficiency, and improved services. Melinda Gonzales, Finance Supervisor discussed projects and funding for San Miguel County. The Northern New Mexico Wood Business Park \$1.2 million. This site will be for the development of the Old Medite Site into a Wood Business and/or Natural Resources Business Park and the

providing land for related business development and the creation of jobs. The San Miguel Public Works Facility will be placed in this areas \$1.5 million to include the Construction of a new County Public Works. Old Wood Business Expansion \$500,000 for local small business expansion project to include construction of a 20,000 sq. ft. building to accommodate the needs of Old Wood Products. One million of acquisition and utility acquisition is 90 percent complete to include waste water system facilities, future projects to include city airport. Alex Tafoya, SMC/P&Z discussed that the property consists of 5.3 acres at M.D.F. site and that renovation of existing buildings will take place and will contain energy efficient utilities, solar and biomass, and an additional 8-10 new employees will be hired. The Solid Waste Transfer/Baler Facility \$600,000 will be for the development of an efficient process for handling and transporting County Solid Waste to Regional Landfills by rail, the existing structure to be modified for baler to be more fuel efficient and to transport solid waste in 1.2 ton bails and advised that the city possibly utilize this also. County Crusher Operation \$820,000 to begin producing own base course to utilize for road surfacing purposes (creation of jobs) Family Justice Center Building \$500,000 to establish a permanent location for the Family Justice operations within San Miguel County (creation of construction jobs).

Wendy Armijo, D.W.I. Coordinator discussed that the City of Las Vegas or San Miguel County D.W.I. Program was ranked 13 in the state and is providing services to grades K-12. The program involves community awareness and DWI saferide, an alternative to drinking and driving.

- **NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY :** New Mexico Highlands Representatives Lawrence Trujillo and Jorden Grimm discussed the major areas that are close to completion beginning with the renovation of the golf course, state, city, community forum for master strategic planning, student center, want the facilities to blend into community, residence hall due to be complete in fall of July 2009, major renovation Phelix Martinez bldg, student center, going green energy efficient buildings. Reuse water collaborative effort with the community , replacement of steam system, roofing, property acquisition expand long term into other areas, xerscaping, facility boiler projects, roofs, infrastructure, supporting economic development, recycling plan for Highlands.
- **LUNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE:** Luna Community College Representative Lawrence Quintana discussed that Luna Community College is planning on construction of a 40 sq ft media center 12,000 feet capacity, office space state of the art facility planning for the last 6 years. LCC is working with City of Las Vegas for utilities waste water, water 6 inch water line.
- **EDC Sharon Vander Meer,** Coordinator, discussed that having this Collaboration is an important thing to do for economic development and was pleased to see this meeting take place. She advised that there would be a commitment to the community gathering scheduled for Thursday, May 7th from 6 pm to 9 pm at the Sala de Madrid at New Mexico Highlands University and it will allow all to meet City Manager Tim Dodge and to share ideas with him. She discussed possibly putting up a suggestion box, developing funding and strategy for wood business park , working on sign planning for Bibb park.

- **UNITED WORLD COLLEGE:** Representatives Elizabeth Morse, Advisor and Arlene Quintana, Financial advised that Lisa Darling is president of the College and that they are funded through private funding and tuition. She advised that they were given the old Baptist Church on University.
- **LAS VEGAS CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** (Tome on the Range) Nancy Colallio, Vice President of Las Vegas 1st and business alliance discussed upcoming events.
- **MAIN STREET:** Lawrence Quintana partnership with the City of Las Vegas and Main Street, advised that they are several projects they are working on they have been designated as an Arts and Cultural City 15 months ago. He advised they have bi-weekly radio show, acquire funding to hire a split full time person to work with individuals and groups the Arts and Culture Community Educational center is underway, Valencia square project, Banners to welcome visitors Railroad district, new town, old town, master plan, plaza to bridge street, arts council, people faire held annually in august, studio tour celebrate artists and their arts, faces of woman art work, Children's Theatre needs funding for children's art programs.
- **CCHP - Citizens Committee for Historic Preservation:** Carol Ditmanson advised that CCHP was founded in 1979 for preservation projects, service contract with the city walking tour guide. They will be requesting lodgers tax funding, reminded all of the upcoming events such as Heritage week August 1st.
- **CITY OF LAS VEGAS-** Ken Garcia, Utility Director presented on infrastructure projects: **Water-** Planning/Ground Water Supply- RFP Draft RFP 5/09, 1500 acre feet rights, 25 acre ft. current capacity Planning and Engineering- Water system PER proposal opening 4-13-09 comprehensive treatment, supply, storage, distribution and reuse, Surface Water Rights-on-going Acquisition Ground Water Rights are on-going, 2,625 right/2,900 Diversion. Gallinas Diversion-Dam improvements (2009) Renovate and improve Dam. Distribution-Westside Distribution Improvements (2004), Increase capacity for well supply and blending, Distribution-north loop 16" (2004) system looping. **Waste Water-** Planning-re-use, permitting-DP-1118 Draft released April 2009, Less restrictive increase quality/less restrictive re-use. Planning/Collections-RFP Collection System (PER) Capacity (2003)-Increase capacity. WW Treatment Plant Upgrade (2008)-Increase Effluent quality to Class "A" Re-Use, Meet NPDES Permit. Treatment- Solid Disposal, DP 494, DP494 Final Issued March 2009 (Disposal of Sludge). Re-Use- 10" effluent line from Waste Water Treatment Plant to Mills (2004) Re-use line extended to Golf Course and parks. **GAS-** Planning/PER/RFP-Review system supply and distribution, Draft May 2009-Improve performance decrease cost, replace PVC with PE in residential areas currently working in Luna, Calle Bonita. Next area: Calle Contenta. Gas/Water/Sewer Distribution- Grand Avenue Utility Design Analysis (Draft April 2009) Utility Replacement coordinated with D.O.T. Street replacement.
- **MUNICIPAL COURT :** Judge Eddie Trujillo presented the New Municipal Court Building: Construction of a new court facility on City owned property. Facilities include teen court. Cost \$ 1.5 million . The current facility is not ADA accessible and lacks space to accommodate its many tasks and responsibilities for the city, cooling and heating system are old and do not provide adequate heat and ventilation. We are requesting to build or utilize the State Police Department Facility on Mills Avenue.

- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** Elmer Martinez continued in presenting Original City Hall: University Ave. and 6th St. ; Complete rehabilitation of building; would house offices of Community Development, rental office space portions of Fire Station No. 1. Total cost \$1,805,200. Application submitted to USDA, Community Facilities program and application received 4/15/2009. Municipal Building (Museum/Municipal Court); Complete rehabilitation of the building and would house the City of Las Vegas Museum. Total cost \$2,020,000. Application submitted to USDA, Community Facilities program and application received 4/15/2009. Main Street Corridor Project: street reconstruction, drainage improvements and streetscape enhancements; from the Depot to the Plaza thru three commercial districts; planning presently under contract; estimated costs \$3-5 million (phased project). Valencia Square: A multi-use open air facility/parking lot to include a pavilion, public parking, location for Farmers Market, community events and a connection to the River Walk; located north of Bridge Street thru the breezeway; land acquisition, planning & design presently under contract; estimated costs \$750,000. Downtown/Arts & Cultural District Master Plan: development of a plan with public input that will identify assets, perform market analysis, establish implementation strategies/priorities and identify funding sources for implementation; contract negotiations in process for a consultant. Cost: \$100,000 Community Master Plan: revision of previous master plan and consolidation of existing plans, providing direction for growth and development of the City and addressing blighting conditions. Funding application in process; Estimated Cost \$60,000.
- PUBLIC WORKS-** Carlos Ortiz, Jr., Public Works Director presented 2009-2010 projects: Alamo Street Reconstruction Project Phase III – PMBP, Grand Avenue – New Mexico Avenue/1.2 million Grip II Funds – Construction to begin in mid June 2009. Pinon Street Reconstruction Project Phase I & II – Reconstruction, New Mexico Avenue – South Pacific Street/\$160,000.00 NMDOT Coop funds – Construction to begin in July 2009. Legion Drive Reconstruction Project Phase V – Reconstruction. 8th Street – Old National Road/\$320,000.00 NMDOT MAP funds – Construction to begin in September 2009. Mills Avenue Repaving Project – Repaving, Milling, & Stripe – Mills Avenue – Grand Avenue/\$850,000.00 Federal Transportation Stimulus Funds – Construction to begin in June 2009. 7th Street repaving Project – Repaving, Milling, & Stripe – Mills Avenue – Grand Avenue/\$550,000.00 Federal Transportation Stimulus Funds – Construction to begin in June 2009. 8th Street Repaving Project – Repaving, Milling, & Stripe – Mills Avenue – Grand Avenue/\$550,000.00 Federal Transportation Stimulus Funds – Construction to begin in June 2009. Mills Avenue Veterans Park Reconstruction – Concrete Amphitheater & Flag Poles/\$100,000.00 Legislative Appropriation – Construction to begin in June 2009. Old Armory Building Renovation Project – Veterans Support Services Building on Douglas Avenue/\$852,000.00 Legislative Appropriation – Construction to begin in July 2009 ON-GOING PROJECTS- Alamo Street Reconstruction Project Phase II – Drainage Project, CDBG Project – to be

completed by June 2009. Lee Drive Round-About Project – Traffic Calming Device, NMDOT Coop Project – to be completed by June 2009. Legion Drive Reconstruction Project Phase IV – Reconstruction Project, NMDOT MAP Project – to be completed by June 2009. CDBG Application 2010 – Moreno Street Drainage, New Mexico Avenue – Camino de Las Escuelas/Phase I – 700K, depending on public input?

- **LAS VEGAS CITY SCHOOLS:** Richard Romero, Superintendent thanked City Staff for their help with the M.O.U. for effluent use permit.
- **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAS VEGAS/SAN MIGUEL COUNTY:** Diane Ortiz and Vince Howell. Advised funding received this year lodgers tax \$234,000 City and County assisted in this funding. Sixty four (64) percent is for marketing efforts, administration and operations of the visitor center. Vince Howell advised how they utilize the funds: visitors center, billboards, billboard went up in Albuquerque near Lomas and Louisiana design came from the idea from nm arts media, website funding provided by county for website and city and council, website is on line lasvegasnewmexico.com, community calendars, conference program, focus on web develop new events increase awareness of arts and cultural district, focus on generating conferences, bring to table professional engineer .

This Collaborative was about sharing information so that everyone can become familiar with present and future projects and work together in succeeding in helping in providing technical help in planning for the future.